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Memo to Local Presidents:

LAST MONTH on this page I talked about some educational issues on which parent-teacher members will be focusing attention as they study their schools. This month I should like to continue the discussion.

- The White House Conference on Education stimulated straight thinking about educational goals. In preparation for the Conference, community, regional, and state conferences explored the question, "What shall our schools accomplish?" Since the Conference, you have discussed that topic at follow-up meetings in your communities and at the state level. Our Action Program proposed that parent-teacher associations take the initiative in planning community conferences "to determine what the community wants its schools to accomplish."

Have we made up our minds? What do the American people expect from their schools? The White House Conference and the state reports indicate that the American people want their schools, first of all, to give children a common core of basic information and

skills in reading, thinking, computing, and writing effectively and accurately. But the reports show that educators, parents, and citizens have goals for their schools that go beyond the teaching of fundamental skills. They also want the schools to provide education for citizenship, for economic independence, for family responsibilities, and for the wise use of leisure.

They want health education in their schools and also a variety of health services, including physical and dental inspections. They want school programs that help children and youth develop moral, ethical, and spiritual values, mental health, and international understanding. They want courses designed to promote safety. They want instruction that will meet the needs of exceptional children, both the gifted and the handicapped.

- The question today is "Have the American people changed their minds about what the school should accomplish?" The goals described in the White House Conference report continue to be the goals of the parent-

teacher organization and its members. Some educators and some laymen complain about "frills" in the school program. They would cramp school goals into the traditional curriculum, but I think few parent-teacher members will be found in this group of critics.

For years parent-teacher associations have worked for school programs that take into account the emotional and physical needs of children along with the intellectual. Such programs benefit not only the individual but also the community and the nation. They help our young people grow into adults who are able to live satisfying personal lives and contribute to society as family members, workers, and citizens.

- Our task, then, is to interpret the value of these education programs to the general public. To abandon them would be detrimental to both children's welfare and the national welfare. Some schools are not yet providing these programs, and in such schools we must continue our efforts to secure them.

In a totalitarian country the needs of the state come first. The state determines how many farmers or technicians or military scientists it needs and then channels children into programs that will produce the requisite personnel. In contrast, our country, with its reverence for human personality, puts the individual first. This does not mean that community and national needs will be ignored. As the White House Conference report points out, our American policy of "encouraging each child to develop his individual talents will be of the greatest use to the nation, for in the long run, if no talent is wasted in our land, no skill will be lacking."

- Yet at the present time far too much talent is lost. Too many capable young people drop out of school before they complete their high school education, and about 60 per cent of our abler high school students fail to go on to college.



• The camera focuses on a group of National Congress officers attending the winter Executive Committee meeting. They are (from left) Mrs. Rollin Brown, president; James H. Snowden, treasurer; Mrs. James C. Parker, first vice-president; Mrs. L. W. Alston, secretary; and J. C. Moffitt, second vice-president.

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The answer to the problem? We can begin with more and better guidance and counseling services. *More* guidance means, among other things, more counselors. Guidance experts recommend one counselor for each two hundred and fifty students—not one for each five hundred and fifty, as at present. *Better* guidance means better training for counselors in such problem areas as mental and physical health, school attendance, scholarship, delinquency, interpretation of test scores, and vocations.

Moreover, more and better guidance needs to begin much earlier—not in the twelfth grade but in the ninth, in the sixth, even in the fourth—for it is in the middle elementary grades that some bright children lose interest in school, and their grades begin to slip. Why? Sometimes the family standards are such that a child's scholastic efforts are not rewarded at home. Sometimes it is a child's playmates that influence him to undervalue education. Too often the standards of the community itself may be to blame.

Again, then, good counseling in the elementary school, of both children and their parents, can prevent much of this waste of our human resources.

Of course this good counseling should continue throughout the elementary and high school years. Such a program will help children discover and develop their aptitudes and interests. It will acquaint children and their parents with occupations in which opportunities are great because personnel shortages are high. Our young people are sensible; they want as much education as their natural endowments permit. If we give them information and guidance, we shall enable them to choose their careers wisely. At the same time we shall be helping to meet the needs of our communities and our nation for highly trained manpower and leadership.

• We need the skills of all children—the slow, the physically handicapped, the gifted, and the middle span in the talent field. We need more programs of special education and more teachers qualified to teach in them. Parent-teacher groups are working—and will continue to work—for educational systems that recognize individual differences and offer programs adapted to the capacities of individual pupils.

• Events of the past six months have made it ominously plain that education is our nation's first line of defense. To make that line impregnable calls for sus-



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tained effort on the part of *all* citizens, not just professional educators. To this end parent-teacher associations will work with school boards, school officials, and education associations to help our schools meet the tremendous responsibilities placed upon them.

Our schools are locally controlled, and that is as it should be. The decisions that shape educational programs will be made, in the future as in the past, by American citizens in their local communities. To the making of these decisions, parent-teacher members can bring knowledge based on solid experience plus the study of children and the influences that affect them. They know that education is not a function of the school alone but of the family, the school, the church, and other community agencies working together. They are sharply aware that the stern times ahead require men and women who possess character and conscience as well as technical and intellectual skills.

• Research in the physical and psychological sciences is placing enormous power at mankind's disposal. As parent-teacher members we have the responsibility to see that the education our schools provide is a broad, liberal education—one that will prepare our children to use this power wisely. Only such an education will be a truly invulnerable defense for a free people.

(Next month: Teachers and teaching)

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National Congress of Parents and Teachers

• Tribute is paid at a civic ceremony in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, to the memory of Phoebe Apperson Hearst, who, with Alice McLellan Birney, founded the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. The occasion is marked by the delivery of several addresses, a wreath-laying before the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Memorial Fountain, and the presentation to Mrs. Hearst's grandson of a commemorative album of National Congress history and photographs. Joining here in the reading of President Eisenhower's congratulatory letter to the National Congress on its anniversary are (from left) Harold Spears, superintendent, San Francisco Unified School District; Mrs. Russell Scott, president, California Congress; Randolph A. Hearst, grandson of Mrs. Hearst; Mrs. Randolph A. Hearst; and Mrs. P. D. Bevil, representative of the National Congress and national chairman of the Committee on Safety.

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PROPOSED REVISION OF BYLAWS *of the* NATIONAL CONGRESS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS



FOR SOME TIME the National Board of Managers has considered a complete revision of the National Bylaws in order to bring into orderly sequence the many and varied amendments that have been added over a period of years. Therefore, at the meeting of the Board of Managers in September 1956, action was taken to submit a revision to the 1958 national convention.

There are no substantive changes in the content of this revision. However, in order that all parent-teacher leaders may have an opportunity to examine and react to the suggested reorganization and clarification of articles and sections of articles; the complete suggested revision is published in full in this issue of the "National Congress Bulletin." The proposed revision will be submitted for action to the delegates at the national convention in Omaha, Nebraska, May 1958.

Article I—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

★★Article II—OBJECTS

The Objects of the National Congress shall be:

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

★★Article III—POLICIES

Section 1.

The program of the Congress shall be educational and shall be developed through conferences, committees, and projects.

Section 2.

The Congress shall be noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan.

No commercial enterprise and no candidate shall be endorsed by it. The name of the Congress and the names of its branches and the names of any members

in their official capacities shall not be used in any connection with a commercial concern or with any partisan interest, or for any other purpose than the regular work of the Congress.

Section 3.

The Congress, its local units, and its branches shall not seek to direct the administrative activities of the schools nor to control their policies.

Section 4.

The Congress shall not enter into membership with other organizations save such international or national organizations as may be approved by the National Board of Managers. A state branch or any of its divisions may cooperate with other organizations and agencies active in child welfare, such as conference groups or coordinating councils, provided their representative makes no commitments that bind the group he represents.

Article IV—MEMBERSHIP

LOCAL UNIT MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1.

- a. ★★ Any person interested in the Objects of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers who is willing to uphold its policies and subscribe to its Bylaws may become a member upon payment of dues, as hereinafter provided.
- b. The members of the National Congress shall be the individual members of the local Congress units in state branches, and of local Congress units in unorganized areas.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Section 2.

- a. Honorary National Life Membership may be conferred for distinguished service, for which a fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be paid to the treasurer of the National Congress.
- b. Honorary National Life Membership provides only national convention guest privileges upon payment of the convention registration fee.
- c. An Honorary National Life Member may become an active member upon payment of dues in a local Congress unit.
- d. Each state branch shall be authorized to determine in its bylaws what shall constitute an Honorary State Life Membership.

Article V—DUES AND FEES

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Section 1.★★

Dues for individual membership shall be all-inclusive, for membership in the National Congress, the state branch, and the local Congress unit. These dues shall be apportioned by the national, state, and local bylaws, respectively.

Section 2.

a. ★ In state branches the annual dues to the National Congress shall be five cents (5¢) per capita for every member of each local Congress unit.

b. In unorganized areas the annual dues to the National Congress shall be ten cents (10¢) for each member of a local Congress unit.

ENROLLMENT

Section 3.

An annual enrollment of members shall be conducted in each local Congress unit. Additional members shall be accepted at any time.

PAYMENT OF DUES

Section 4.

a. ★★ The treasurer of each local Congress unit in state branches shall send the annual national and state portions of the dues of each individual member in the local Congress unit to the treasurer of the state branch through such channels and at such times as the state bylaws provide.

b. ★★ The local treasurer shall keep the record of national and state portions of the membership dues separate from the record of the general funds of the local Congress unit.

c. ★ The treasurer of the state branch shall send quarterly to the national treasurer the amount of national dues on hand, accompanied by a statement giving the name and location of each local unit from which dues were received and the number of members in each local unit.

d. The treasurers of local Congress units in unorganized areas shall remit dues annually to the national treasurer on or before April 1, accompanied by a statement giving the name and mailing address of the president of each local Congress unit.

FEE FOR HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Section 5.

a. The fee payable for Honorary National Life Membership shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00), which shall be made a part of the national Endowment Fund.

b. Each state branch shall be authorized to determine in its bylaws the fee that will constitute an Honorary State Life Membership.

Article VI—FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the National Congress shall be from April 16 through April 15 inclusive.

Article VII—OFFICERS

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1.

The officers of the National Congress shall be a president, ten vice-presidents, a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be divided into three groups:

a. Group one (1) shall consist of the president, first vice-president, secretary, and treasurer.

b. Group two (2) shall consist of the vice-presidents from Regions III, V, VII, and VIII.

c. Group three (3) shall consist of the second vice-president and the vice-presidents from Regions I, II, IV, and VI.

d. The groups shall be elected in numerical order. One group shall be elected each year to serve for a term of three (3) years and/or until their successors are elected. Only one group shall be elected in any one calendar year.

Section 2.

a. The president, the first and second vice-presidents, the secretary, and the treasurer shall be chosen from the membership at large of the Congress.

b. Eight vice-presidents shall be chosen from regions designated by the Board of Managers.

c. In the event a vice-president from a region moves out of the region from which he was elected, this shall constitute a vacancy in the office, which shall be filled by a duly qualified person of that region as provided in Article VIII, Section 2,d and Section 3, and Article X, Section 2,a.

Article VIII—COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

A committee of five shall be elected annually by ballot by the Board of Managers from its own membership at its regular postconvention meeting and shall serve until the next regular postconvention meeting.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Section 2. The committee on nominations shall:

a. Select one nominee for each office to be filled at the next convention.

b. Send a list of the nominees to the national secretary, who shall send a copy to each member of the National Board of Managers at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening date of the convention.

A list of these nominees shall be printed in the *National Congress Bulletin*. The state presidents and the local Congress unit presidents shall be responsible for informing their membership of the list of nominees.

c. Report to the convention on the first day of the session, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor.

d. Present to the Board of Managers nominations for vacancies in offices occurring during its term.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR NOMINATION

Section 3.

- a. ★ Only a member of a local Congress unit shall be eligible to hold office in the National Congress or any of its branches.
- b. No officer of the National Congress shall serve two (2) terms in the same office.
- c. A member having served in one vice-presidency from a designated region shall not be eligible to another vice-presidency, except that of first or second vice-president.
- d. Members having served in one vice-presidency from a region shall not be eligible to another vice-presidency from a region until after the interim of at least one (1) term.
- e. An officer having served one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or more of a term shall be credited with having served that term.
- f. No member shall serve on the Board of Managers in more than one capacity.
- g. Item "f" shall not apply to members of the Board of Managers whose terms expire within six (6) months following the convention.
- h. Only a member of a local Congress unit whose consent has been secured shall be eligible to nomination either by the committee or from the floor.

Article IX—ELECTION BOARD

APPOINTMENT

Section 1.

An election board of five members of the Board of Managers shall be chosen by the Executive Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention. The chairman shall be a member of the Executive Committee. The members shall be notified of their appointment to this board at least thirty (30) days prior to the convention.

DUTIES

Section 2. The election board shall:

- a. Have charge of the election at the annual convention.
- b. Be responsible for printing of the ballots, which shall show the names of all nominees for each office with sufficient space for write-in votes, if ballots are used.
- c. Be responsible for collecting voting credentials from members.
- d. Have at least one of its members on duty at the polls during the voting period.
- e. Tabulate the votes and make a complete report to the convention of the votes cast.

Article X—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

METHOD OF ELECTION

Section 1.

- a. Officers shall be elected on the second day of the annual convention, except as provided in Article XIII,

when the convention is dispensed with because of an emergency.

b. Voting shall be by ballot or voting machine, and a majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

c. Officers shall assume their duties at the close of the convention at which they were elected.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 2.

- a. A vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the unexpired term by a person elected by the Board of Managers.
- b. Voting shall be by ballot if there is more than one nominee for the office.
- c. If a ten (10) day notice of the election is given to the members of the Board of Managers, a majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election. Without such notice a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote shall be required.

HONORARY OFFICERS

Section 3.

The title of honorary president or vice-president is honorary only and does not confer the privileges of membership upon those bearing such titles. (The practice of conferring these titles was discontinued in the 1956 convention.)

Article XI—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Section 1. The president shall:

- a. Preside at meetings of the National Congress, the Board of Managers, and the Executive Committee.
- b. Between meetings of the Executive Committee, employ such staff personnel as may be found necessary.
- c. Select a professional parliamentarian to serve at meetings of the convention and the Board of Managers, and at such other meetings as the president may designate, and to render such other services as the president may deem advisable.
- d. Determine the duties of the vice-presidents from the regions.
- e. Determine the duties of the immediate past president.
- f. Coordinate the work of the officers and committees, in order that the Objects of the Congress may be accomplished.

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Section 2.

- a. The first and second vice-presidents shall act as aides to the president and shall, in their order of rank, perform the duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to serve.
- b. The duties of the eight vice-presidents elected from the regions shall be determined annually by the president.
- c. The order of precedence of the vice-presidents from the regions shall be decided annually by the Executive Committee at its postconvention meeting.

SECRETARY

Section 3. The secretary shall:

- a. Record the minutes of meetings of the National Congress, the Board of Managers, and the Executive Committee.
- b. Notify officers and standing committee chairmen of their election.
- c. Issue notices of meetings of the National Congress and of the Board of Managers.
- d. Be responsible for mailing to each member of the Board of Managers a copy of minutes of all meetings listed in item "c."
- e. Conduct such correspondence as the National Congress, the Board of Managers, or the Executive Committee may direct.

TREASURER

Section 4. The treasurer shall:

- a. Be a member of the budget committee and a trustee of the Endowment Fund.
- b. Collect and disburse National Congress funds with the exception of the Endowment Fund.
- c. Deposit funds in a depository approved by the Board of Managers.
- d. Disburse funds in accordance with the approved budget and/or upon direction of the Board of Managers.
- e. Present a financial statement at each meeting of the Board of Managers and at other times as requested by the president.
- f. Close the books at the end of the fiscal year and submit them for audit to a certified public accountant approved by the budget committee.

Duties of the treasurer, except those specified in item "a" of this section, may be delegated to one or more staff personnel designated by the Executive Committee.

The treasurer and all other persons authorized to handle National Congress funds shall give fidelity bonds in amounts determined by the Executive Committee. The expense of these bonds shall be borne by the National Congress.

ALL OFFICERS

Section 5. All officers shall:

- a. Perform the duties prescribed in the parliamentary authority in addition to those outlined in these Bylaws and those assigned from time to time.
- b. Deliver to their successors all official material within ten (10) days following the close of the convention at which their term of office expires.

Article XII—ANNUAL CONVENTION

DATE AND PLACE

Section 1.

- a. A convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers shall be held annually at a date not earlier than April 30, nor later than May 31, except under conditions stated in Article XIII. The time and place of each convention shall be determined by the Executive Committee at its fall meeting three (3) years prior to the time of the convention.

- b. Notice of the convention shall be sent to each member of the Board of Managers at least sixty (60) days prior to the convention. The call to the convention shall be printed in the *National Congress Bulletin*. The state presidents and the local Congress unit presidents shall be responsible for informing their membership of the time and place of the convention.
- c. The annual convention shall be the governing body of the National Congress.

VOTING BODY

Section 2.

- a. The voting body of the convention shall consist of the members of the National Board of Managers, duly accredited delegates from each state branch, and one accredited delegate from each association in unorganized areas.
- b. ★ Each state branch shall be entitled to be represented at the annual convention of the National Congress by its president, three other members of the state board of managers or their alternates, and one delegate for each one thousand members or major fraction thereof, as shown on the records of the national treasurer as of April 15.
- c. ★ The selection of state delegates and their alternates shall be authorized by the board of managers of the state.
- d. The privilege of introducing motions, debating, and voting shall be limited to the voting body provided in item "a."
- e. The annual convention of the National Congress shall be open to all members upon payment of the registration fee as determined by the Executive Committee.

QUORUM

Section 3.

One hundred and fifty delegates representing a majority of the state branches shall constitute a quorum.

Article XIII—CANCELLATION OF CONVENTION**Section 1.**

In the event of a national emergency, epidemic, or other disaster, the Board of Managers shall have authority to determine by a two-thirds (2/3) vote whether or not a convention shall be held. The vote on this question may be taken by mail in the event a meeting of the Board of Managers cannot be held.

Section 2.

In the event no convention is held the Board of Managers shall plan procedure for conducting all necessary business by mail, which shall include the election of officers.

Article XIV—BOARD OF MANAGERS

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

There shall be a Board of Managers comprised of the officers of the National Congress, the president

of each state branch or his alternate as designated by the state bylaws, the chairman of each standing committee, and the immediate past president.

DUTIES

Section 2. The Board of Managers shall:

- a. Have authority over the affairs of the National Congress during the interim between its annual conventions, except those specifically delegated to the Executive Committee. It may not, however, modify any action taken by the convention.
- b. Settle all questions of doubt regarding the recognition of organized units.
- c. Decide all questions involving failure of states to comply with the Bylaws of the National Congress, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.
- d. Elect to the board of trustees of the Endowment Fund two members from the membership of the Board of Managers and two from the membership at large. The two from the membership of the Board of Managers shall serve for a term of three (3) years and may be reelected. The two elected from the membership at large shall serve for a term of four (4) years and may be reelected.
- e. Have authority to adopt rules for the transaction of its business provided the rules do not conflict with the Bylaws of the National Congress or with any special rules adopted by the convention.
- f. Declare an emergency as provided in Article XIII and plan procedure for conducting necessary business of the Congress during the emergency.

MEETINGS

Section 3.

- a. *Regular meetings* of the Board of Managers shall be held immediately preceding and following each annual convention of the National Congress and in the fall of each year between September 15 and October 16.
- b. *Special meetings* of the Board of Managers may be called by the president and shall be called upon written request of nine of its members.
- c. *The time and place* of all meetings of the Board of Managers shall be determined by the Executive Committee.
- d. At least thirty (30) days' notice of regular meetings and ten (10) days' notice of special meetings of the Board of Managers shall be given by the secretary.

QUORUM

Section 4.

- a. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum in any meeting of the Board of Managers.
- b. When voting upon legislation items for state consideration a quorum shall include at least one half of the state presidents or their alternates.

Section 5.

Each member of the Board of Managers shall submit a report of his parent-teacher work for inclusion in the annual report of the National Congress.

Section 6.

- a. No member of the Board of Managers shall go into a state as a representative of the National Congress for service in connection with parent-teacher work, local or state, without the consent of the state president or of the state board of managers.
- b. No member of the National Congress staff shall be sent into a state for state congress work without the approval of the state president or of the state board of managers.

Article XV—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

There shall be an Executive Committee of the National Congress comprised of the officers (Article VII, Section 1), the chairman of the state presidents' conference, and the chairman of the national chairmen's conference.

MEETINGS

Section 2.

- a. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the president or upon written request of five of its members.
- b. Seven members shall constitute a quorum in any meeting of the Executive Committee.

DUTIES

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall:

- a. Perform the duties delegated to it in these Bylaws.
- b. Transact business referred to it by the Board of Managers.
- c. Act in emergencies between meetings of the Board of Managers.
- d. Serve as program committee for the annual convention of the Congress.
- e. Decide questions of cooperation with other national organizations.
- f. Receive and pass upon the plans of work of chairmen of standing committees, and authorize and direct the work of each.
- g. Act, upon request from unorganized areas, for the organization of a state branch.
- h. Appoint, from recommendations made by the president, such staff personnel as may be necessary to perform the work of the Congress, fix their salaries, define their duties, and make provision for their welfare and security.
- i. Select the time and place of all meetings of the Board of Managers and of the National Congress.
- j. Submit to the Board of Managers such recommendations as it deems advisable.
- k. Appoint an election board of five members from the Board of Managers not less than sixty (60) days prior to the convention.
- l. Determine the amount and authorize payment of fidelity bonds for the treasurer and all other persons authorized to handle funds of the National Congress.

m. Take no action in conflict with that of the Board of Managers.

Article XVI—COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1.

- a.** Standing committees may be created by the Board of Managers as deemed necessary to promote the Objects and carry on the work of the National Congress.
- b.** Each standing committee shall consist of a national chairman and such other persons as may be approved by the Board of Managers.
- c.** Chairmen of standing committees shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. No chairman shall be eligible to serve as a national chairman for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Upon the expiration of the second consecutive term, a chairman shall be ineligible for election to another chairmanship.

NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMEN

Section 2.

- a.** Nominations for chairmen of standing committees shall be made by a committee of seven elected by ballot by the Board of Managers from its own membership at its regular postconvention meeting preceding the convention at which the national officers in group one (1) are elected. The seven receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the committee on nominations.
- b.** A list of nominees for chairmen of standing committees shall be sent thirty (30) days before the opening day of the convention to members of the Board of Managers and the nominees for officers of the National Congress.

ELIGIBILITY TO NOMINATION

Section 3.

- a.** Only a member of a local Congress unit, whose consent has been secured, shall be eligible to nomination for chairman of a standing committee, either by the committee or from the floor.
- b.** A chairman of a standing committee having served one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) or more of a term shall be credited with having served that complete term.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN

Section 4.

- a.** Election of chairmen of standing committees shall be held during the convention at which the president is elected.
- b.** The special electing group, consisting of the newly elected officers, the hold-over officers, and the presidents of state branches, shall meet to elect these chairmen immediately following the convention meeting at which the officers in group one (1) are declared elected.
- c.** Additional nominations may be made from the floor at this meeting. Voting shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

DUTIES OF CHAIRMEN

Section 5.

- a.** The chairman of each standing committee shall submit a plan of work to the Executive Committee for approval. No committee work shall be undertaken without the consent of the Executive Committee.
- b.** The chairman of each standing committee shall continue the plan of work established by his predecessor until such time as his plan of work is approved.
- c.** If any chairman fails to submit a plan of work by April 1 following his election, the chairmanship may be declared vacant.
- d.** A chairman of a standing committee shall circulate no material or form letter without the approval of the president or of a national officer designated by the president.

VACANCIES IN CHAIRMANSIPS

Section 6.

If a vacancy occurs in the chairmanship of a standing committee, the president shall appoint a member of the Board of Managers to perform the duties of that chairman until the following regular meeting of the Board of Managers. At this meeting the Board of Managers shall elect a committee of three to submit nominations to fill the vacancy. Voting for the nominees shall be by ballot, and a majority of the votes cast shall constitute an election.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 7.

- a.** Special committees may be created and appointed by the president or by the Board of Managers.
- b.** A committee on resolutions shall be appointed by the president and shall function as directed by the Board of Managers.
- c.** The president shall appoint a special committee to review and approve state bylaws and those of Congress units in unorganized areas.

PRESIDENT EX OFFICIO

Section 8.

The president shall be ex officio a member of all committees except the committee on nominations and the election board.

Article XVII—STATE PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE AND NATIONAL CHAIRMEN'S CONFERENCE

MEETINGS

Section 1.

- a.** The state president and the standing committee chairmen shall each hold a group conference in connection with meetings of the Board of Managers.
- b.** Each group in conference shall elect a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer at the time of the annual convention.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS OF STATE PRESIDENTS' GROUP

Section 2.

Nominations for officers in the state presidents' group

shall be made by a committee of three elected by the group at the conference held during the fall meeting of the Board of Managers. Any state president whose term expires before the annual convention shall be ineligible to nomination.

NOMINATIONS FOR NATIONAL CHAIRMEN'S GROUP

Section 3.

a. Nominations for officers in the national chairmen's conference group shall be made by a committee of three elected by the group at the conference held during the fall meeting of the Board of Managers, except as provided in the following item "b."

b. In the year of the election of national officers in group one (1), the nominating committee shall be elected at a meeting held during the annual convention, after the election of national chairmen and prior to the postconvention meeting of the Board of Managers.

TERM OF OFFICE

Section 4.

These officers shall serve for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are elected.

Article XVIII—ENDOWMENT FUND

MANAGEMENT

Section 1.

There shall be an Endowment Fund, the management of which, under a written agreement of trust, shall be entrusted to five trustees, one of whom shall be the treasurer of the National Congress. The additional four trustees shall be elected by the Board of Managers as provided in Article XIV, Section 2,d.

MEETINGS

Section 2.

The trustees shall elect their own chairman and shall hold at least one (1) meeting each year.

VACANCIES

Section 3.

a. Any vacancy occurring in the board of trustees of the Endowment Fund shall be filled by the Board of Managers.

b. Any trustee of the Endowment Fund may be removed for just cause at any time by majority vote of the Board of Managers.

DEPOSITORY

Section 4.

The Endowment Fund trustees shall designate an agent, approved by the Board of Managers, who shall act as a depository for said fund and shall be authorized to invest and reinvest the same, at the direction of the endowment trustees. Such agent may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the Endowment Fund trustees, subject always to approval of the Board of Managers.

INCOME

Section 5.

Except as the Board of Managers may at any time or from time to time direct that the income from the Endowment Fund shall be paid to the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, such income shall be accumulated and added, at the end of each fiscal year, to the Fund.

The income received from the Endowment Fund shall be used by the National Congress of Parents and Teachers only for the expenses and maintenance of its headquarters, the expense of field service, and the expense of its Executive Committee and Board of Managers.

AMENDMENTS

Section 6.

The agreement of trust with said endowment trustees may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any meeting of the Board of Managers.

Article XIX—NATIONAL OFFICE

A national office shall be maintained in the National Headquarters building at 700 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois. The National Office shall be under the general supervision of the president of the National Congress.

Article XX—STATE BRANCHES

PURPOSE

Section 1.

The purpose of a state branch shall be to promote the Objects and policies of the National Congress.

STATE BYLAWS

Section 2.

a. Each state branch shall have the authority to adopt such bylaws as do not conflict with the Bylaws of the National Congress.

b. Each state branch shall include in its bylaws those articles and sections of the Bylaws of the National Congress that bear a star. Articles and sections marked with double stars shall be included in state and local Congress unit bylaws.

c. State branches may use phrases from their articles of incorporation not in conflict with the Bylaws or policies of the National Congress.

d. State bylaws and amendments thereto shall be reviewed and approved by a special committee appointed by the president of the National Congress.

State Report

The state president shall submit a report of parent-teacher work in the state for inclusion in the annual report of the National Congress.

UNITS

Section 3.

a. Each state branch may organize parent-teacher associations as local units of the state and National Congress, to be known as local Congress units.

b. Local Congress units shall adopt bylaws in harmony with the Bylaws of the National Congress and with those of the state branch. Local Congress unit bylaws and amendments thereto shall be approved by a committee of one or more state board members as designated in the state bylaws.

c. Each state branch may determine the membership year for its local Congress units, and approve local unit bylaws that will establish eligibility for voting and holding office. Such bylaws shall not be in conflict with the Bylaws and policies of the National Congress.

d. A local Congress unit shall pay state and national dues for each member.

e. The purpose of a local Congress unit shall be to promote the Objects and policies of the National Congress.

f. Only a member of a local Congress unit shall be eligible to office in any division of a state branch.

g. A state branch may legislate for local Congress units, provided such action does not conflict with the Bylaws of the National Congress.

DIVISIONS

Section 4.

a. Each state branch may provide for the organization of geographical divisions of the state for convenience of administration of the state work.

b. Geographical divisions within a state shall operate under rules or bylaws approved by the state board of managers or its appointee.

c. State geographical divisions shall not legislate for the local Congress units.

COUNCILS

Section 5.

a. Each state branch may provide for the organization of councils in counties, cities, or other areas designated by the state board of managers, for the purpose of conference and cooperation among local Congress units.

b. Only local Congress units shall be members of a parent-teacher council.

c. Councils shall be governed by bylaws approved by the state board of managers or its appointee.

d. A council may not legislate for the local Congress units.

STATE COMMITTEES

Section 6.

a. Each state branch shall provide for state standing committees to correspond to those of the National Congress insofar as the state deems it advisable. Additional standing committees shall be created when necessary.

b. State special committees may be appointed as designated in the state bylaws.

CONVENTION

Section 7.

The annual convention shall be the governing body of the state branch.

REQUEST FOR ORGANIZATION OF A BRANCH

Section 8.

A request for organization as a branch of the National Congress from associations in unorganized areas of the United States, or its possessions or from associations in American schools for American personnel on foreign assignments, shall be acted upon by the Executive Committee of the National Congress.

★Article XXI—PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and all of its branches, in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws of the National Congress.

Article XXII—AMENDMENTS

REQUIREMENTS

Section 1.

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any annual convention provided the following requirements shall have been complied with:

a. The proposed amendment shall have been proposed by the committee on Bylaws or by the Executive Committee, and approved by the National Board of Managers.

b. A copy of the proposed amendment shall have been sent from the National Office to each member of the Board of Managers at least sixty (60) days prior to the opening day of the convention.

c. The proposed amendment shall also have been published in the *National Congress Bulletin* prior to the convention.

AUTOMATIC AMENDMENT TO STATE BYLAWS

Section 2.

The adoption of an amendment to the articles and sections of these Bylaws that bear a star shall automatically amend the bylaws of the states to conform to the action taken by the national convention. This provision shall apply also to local bylaws.

Special Committee on Bylaws

Mrs. Clifford N. Jenkins, *Chairman*
 Mrs. E. L. Church
 Mrs. A. L. Hendrick
 Mrs. J. H. Rutledge
 Mrs. Russell Scott

JUST One Quarter MORE

THROUGH YEARS when price after price has climbed steadily upward, the price of the **National Parent-Teacher** has remained constant. Since 1949—over a period when doubled rates have been the rule rather than the exception—the official P.T.A. magazine has continued to cost U.S. subscribers just \$1.25 a year. This was in the same decade when many other publications had to demand rates from 100 to 200 per cent higher, even though their subscription receipts were backed up by sizable advertising revenues.

• Now, at last, despite the fact that the **National Parent-Teacher** is not published for profit, it too has to meet soaring production costs: printing, paper, binding, and even postage. The inevitable answer to the problem came only after long and serious study by the magazine's board of directors. They voted to raise the subscription rate twenty-five cents a year, beginning September 1, 1958.

• This means that on subscriptions sent to the magazine office in envelopes postmarked after 12 P.M., August 31, 1958, the following rates will apply:

United States and possessions, \$1.50 a year
Canada, \$1.75 a year
Other countries, \$2.00 a year

• Single-copy prices in the United States and its possessions will be 25 cents; elsewhere the single-copy rate will be 35 cents.

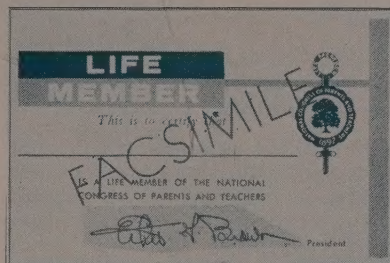
All subscriptions received between now and September 1, 1958, will of course be accepted at the present rates. However, subscribers who remit at the old rates after the deadline of midnight, August 31, will be billed for the difference. We are counting on every local president, every chairman, and every other parent-teacher worker to make special efforts between now and September to inform subscribers of the new rates.

• Even with so small an increase to the reader, the price of the **National Parent-Teacher** remains inconsiderable compared with the value he receives. Distinguished specialists, sensitive to the needs of our readers, will continue to contribute articles of lasting worth. Always mindful of its responsibility as spokesman of the parent-teacher organization, the magazine will continue to provide abundant information for all who seek its guidance.

National LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

**January 10, 1958—
March 14, 1958**

(Show this list to friends whose names appear here. What other citizens in your community deserve to share this spotlight?)



- A miniature facsimile of the National Life Membership identification card. The card itself is of white stock, attractively imprinted in blue and black.

IT IS with a warm sense of gratification that we are able to give the names of fifty persons who, since January 9, 1958, have been awarded Honorary National Life Memberships for distinguished service. In addition, seven names are being withheld until later because the recipients have yet to learn of their honors. Along with these names in our next *Bulletin* article, we sincerely hope we shall be able to print names of all incoming state congress presidents, whose significant service generally is recognized with this high honor. National life members get together for the traditional annual supper at the national convention.

Alabama: Dr. Clarence M. Dannelly, Montgomery

California: Leila Andrews, Redondo Beach; Eugene Baker, La Habra; Mrs. Champ Clark, Hawthorne; Mrs. Max Colwell, Pasadena; Mrs. Robert A. Hall, Van Nuys; Mrs. Phoebe King, Santa Barbara; Mrs. John H. Koekkoek, Jr., Long Beach; Mrs. R. J. Matheison, Hayward; Audrey B. Peterson, La Jolla; Mrs. James Pickup, Norwalk; Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Santa Ana; Mrs. Mildred Specht, Compton

Florida: Elsie Causier, West Palm Beach

Hawaii: Harold T. Bailey, Honolulu

Idaho: Howard Andrews, Kellogg

Iowa: Mrs. Robert Crook, Atlantic

Illinois: Else H. Lindsey, Chicago; Mrs. Clarence L. Templeton, Galesburg

Kentucky: Mrs. J. D. Pate, Louisville

Louisiana: Mrs. E. H. Scott, Lafayette

Maryland: Henry L. Byer, Dundalk

Missouri: E. M. Lemasters, St. Louis County; Mrs. Letha Patton, Kirksville

Nebraska: Kenneth Burkholder, Omaha

New Jersey: Mrs. John Polhemus, Neptune

New York: Lawrence C. Lobaugh, Lindenhurst

Ohio: Mrs. Anne T. Case, Akron; Mrs. Glenn Rebka, Cincinnati; Mrs. William Shapiro, Toledo

Pennsylvania: Mrs. Ruth McDowell, Altoona

Tennessee: Mrs. Frank Jones, Elizabethton

Texas: Mrs. S. P. Bennison, LaMarque; Mrs. C. E. Bock, Galveston; Mrs. Earl T. Cox, Port Neches; John C. Gee, Jr., Texas City; Mrs. R. E. Graham, Houston; Deaconess Gladys Hall, Victoria; Mrs. Jean Harris, Agua Dulce; Mrs. Clayton Henry, Seagoville; Robert H. McKay, William T. Puryear, Dallas; Mrs. R. C. Robinson, LaMarque; Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Santa Ana; L. R. Steinkoenig, Borger; Mrs. Sam W. Stoudenmier, Groves; Mrs. H. C. Whiteley, Odessa; Mrs. Ed. Wright, Fort Worth

West Virginia: Mrs. Fred L. Perry, Huntington

Wisconsin: Charles Gaul, Milwaukee

Wyoming: Dr. Everett E. Jones, Midwest

• We rejoice, too, in another gift of \$100 to the Endowment Fund, honoring Alice Birney Robert, a national life member and a great granddaughter of the co-Founder, Alice McLellan Birney. The giver was her father:

Lawrence Wood Robert, Atlanta, Georgia

MRS. NEWTON P. LEONARD

Immediate Past President

National Congress of Parents and Teachers

TEACHING CAREER MONTH

• The month of April has been set aside as a nationwide focus on the teacher's importance to America's future. For help in promoting a successful observance in your community, get a list of available materials on Teaching Career Month from the Division of Press and Radio Relations, National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

• **FOUNDERS DAY, 1958** booklet: A mistake on page 7 of this booklet has been called to our attention—a mistake we deeply regret. The title in the last paragraph should be "Founders Day, 1958" instead of "P.T.A. Public Relations."

COUNCILS IN ACTION...

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND COMMENTS FROM THE COUNCILS SECTION MEETING AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

• Questions About Councils and the Community

Q. Yesterday a bond issue for a second high school the council had endorsed and worked for was defeated. The council had spent almost two years of study before recommending the bond issue. It was opposed by a group that used every possible means to divide the community and confuse the electorate. What can the council do now?

MRS. FAY, chairman, recreation committee, Chicago Region, Illinois Congress: Your council members may be disappointed but they must never become discouraged. Sometimes parents and teachers can learn a lesson from politicians. When they want bond issues passed, they must do the leg work involved in ringing doorbells. They must present the need in simple terms to the voters—fathers, mothers, families—who are concerned about the welfare of children and youth.

Q. What can the community council do that a parent-teacher council can't do?

MRS. McBAIN, president, Grand Rapids Council, Michigan: The combined power in a community council of many organizations is greater than that vested in any single organization. A community council is in a position to alert all civic organizations in a town or city. Many of the problems that P.T.A.'s started to work on have come to the attention of the entire community through the community council.

Q. When the president of a council also serves on civic committees, doesn't P.T.A. work suffer?

MRS. McBAIN: When one takes the job of president of a council of P.T.A.'s, he agrees to increase the scope of his activities. Through his work in the community, he helps the P.T.A. As a council president who serves on many civic committees, I sincerely hope I never neglect my P.T.A. work.

Q. May we have clarification on the sometimes controversial interpretation of

our policy on how far a parent-teacher council can go in working with and cooperating with other organizations?

MRS. BROWN, president, N.C.P.T.: So far as the membership enrollments and fund-raising campaigns of other organizations comparable to our own are concerned, the policy has been clearly stated. For example, our members are informed about the activities of the American Red Cross, an organization comparable to our own, which is supported by voluntary contributions and is carrying on a specific program. We take advantage of their classes in first aid and home nursing. But we do not, as parent-teacher organizations, serve as volunteers in the enrollment or the fund-raising campaigns of the Red Cross.

Joining a community coordinating council composed of civic groups and organizations and agencies is not contrary to National Congress policy, because the community council is composed of members or representatives of several *sovereign* organizations. Each of these organizations has its own program and retains its own identity, but it works with the community council on projects that require the cooperative effort of many groups within the community. The working unit of the community council meets regularly or on call. A council of parent-teacher associations that joins or cooperates with a community coordinating council on projects in education, child welfare, and community betterment does so if it be-

lieves that the community and its children will benefit from the effort.

Belonging to a community council does not detract from the prestige of our associations or our councils. In fact, in many cases it has made the entire community aware of our work for the schools and the children of the community. When other groups band together to plan and work for their community, our parent-teacher associations, by standing aloof because of some misconception of national policy, lose an opportunity to lend their influence and support to many worthwhile projects.

PAN AMERICAN DAY April 14, 1958

• The annual Pan American Day, a part of Pan American Week, April 14-20, offers a golden opportunity for demonstrating support of the Organization of American States, which was set up in 1890 "to achieve an order of peace and justice, promote American solidarity, strengthen collaboration among member states, and defend their sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity."

To teachers and group leaders who plan to carry out the Pan American Day slogan, "Dedicate the Day to the Inter-American Way," a free packet of materials is offered by the Pan American of Public Relations, Pan American Union. It is available from the Office Union, Washington 6, D. C.

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